

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation includes the governance and oversight components of the recommendations made by a group of stakeholders that met and examined Idaho's charter school laws from June 2012 through February 2013. The major recommendations in this legislation are as follows:

- 1.) Eliminate notices of defect.
- 2.) Require periodic renewals of all public charter schools.
- 3.) Create performance contracts for charter schools.
- 4.) Create a process that allows school-district authorized charter schools to become LEAs.
- 5.) Allow the State Department of Education to reduce the front-loading of charter school funding if notified by the school's authorizer that the school is fiscally unsound.
- 6.) Provide for procedures upon dissolution of a charter school.
- 7.) Allow additional authorizers (Colleges & Universities and certain approved 501(c)(3) organizations).
- 8.) Establish standards and oversight for 501(c)(3) organizations that wish to become charter school authorizers.
- 9.) Allow for direct approval of public charter schools by Colleges & Universities and approved 501(c)(3) organizations, while maintaining the law's current school district notification and feedback procedures.
- 10.) Reform the qualifications and appointing authorities for members of the Public Charter School Commission, to better align Idaho law with best practices.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact.

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